

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1092

By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to recognize Norman Ray Redwing, Jr., Fourth Annual Living Legend Awards honoree.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should specially recognize those estimable individuals who have dedicated their time and energies toward enhancing the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Norman Ray Redwing, Jr., who is being honored at the Fourth Annual Living Legend Awards in recognition of the leadership and service he has provided to the people of Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, born on August 18, 1960, in Memphis, Norman Redwing attended Humes Junior High School and Northside High School and graduated from Memphis Adult High School; he studied psychology at LeMoyne-Owen College and A/D Counseling at Shelby State Community College, ultimately graduating from Victory University with a degree in psychology; and

WHEREAS, from 1995 to 2014, he served with the Urban Youth Initiative as Youth and Family Outreach Minister and Counselor with Wrap Around Services; he also spent six years as a Family Specialist with the JustCare Family Network, attending to the mental and emotional well-being of children and families; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Redwing received his Certificate of Ordination from Central Baptist Church in 2014 under the guidance of Pastor Reuben Henry Green, Ph.D.; he also holds certification with DeVoss Leadership Training Ministries; and

WHEREAS, Norman Redwing currently serves as Program Director of the Afrikan Village Institute of Memphis, an organization that provides a safe and respectful environment in

which young people are educated and empowered to see themselves and become productive citizens; and

WHEREAS, wholly committed to serving others, Norman Redwing has volunteered extensively to help his community, devoting nine years to Humes Middle School and Good Samaritan United Methodist Church, four years to Juvenile Court Intervention GOALS Program, and three years to Northside High School and Cypress Middle School; and

WHEREAS, his volunteer service also includes time with the NAACP Board, Central Baptist Church, Inc., Holy Names Catholic Church Outreach, and Good Samaritan Church and Outreach Ministries; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Redwing has received the Memphis City Council Community Award, Juvenile Court of Memphis Community Award, Shelby County Commission Community Award, Black Writers Award, Humes Middle School Community Award, Father of the Year Award, the Stone Award, the Urban Youth Initiative Community Award, the Good Samaritan Community Award, the Sanders Community Award, Judge Curtis Person Community Award, the Vollintine Evergreen Community Award, Youth That Care Community Award, and Peace Lutheran Community Outreach Award; and

WHEREAS, Norman Redwing has been blessed with the love and support of his wife, Angela, and his nine children and nine grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Redwing has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity; his commitment to excellence and community service is representative of the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate Norman Ray Redwing, Jr., upon his recognition at the Fourth Annual Living Legend Awards, applaud his outstanding community leadership, salute his

professional expertise and personal excellence, and extend our best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.